

HIGH TRANSPORTATION RATES HANDICAP CITY

New President of Chamber of Commerce Favors an Appeal to Interstate Commission.

BELIEVES RELIEF CAN BE HAD

Dr. Clarence Porter Jones, President, and All the Other Officers Nominated by Committee, Unanimously Elected by the Chamber—Regular Business Meeting.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected by the Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting last night. The report of the nominating committee, which is given below, was unanimously adopted:

President—Dr. Clarence Porter Jones.

First Vice-President—Major James Haughton.

Second vice-president—A. Rosenbaum.

Third vice-president—C. K. Weaver.

Treasurer—Louis C. Phillips.

Directors—W. S. Upshur, W. B. Livezey, J. E. Wilkins, J. W. Robinson, W. Lee Powell, R. M. Lett, J. R. Sprague, Fred Cook and C. B. Nelms.

Mr. Walter S. Upshur, the retiring president, made a brief address in which he summarized the work accomplished by the body during the past year, and expressed thanks for the cooperation given him by the members.

A standing vote of thanks was given Mr. Upshur for his untiring and able work in behalf of the city during his term of office.

New President in Chair.

Dr. Jones, the new president, named his committees at once so that there might be no interruption of the chamber's work. Taking the chair, Dr. Jones said:

"Gentlemen of the Chamber of Commerce: It fills my heart with pride on being elected to the presidency of this honorable body. It is a most coveted honor. I do not feel equal to the task but feeling that I have your most hearty support and cooperation I am encouraged to throw all my energy in the great work that is before us this year, and am sure that this chamber means business and this year's labors will result in the accomplishing of many things for the benefit of our community. The results of our labors have been in recent years to some extent hampered by the appointment of special committees over the heads of the regular standing committees, thus leaving but little for the standing committees to do. It is my policy to appoint members to standing committee membership who by virtue of their occupation and training can give their support in an active manner to such matters as may be from time to time referred to them. I hope then during this year, unless there is a very good reason for so doing, that no measure will be referred to special committees, thereby keeping our standing committees alive to their responsibility.

"There is to my mind a most important task for this chamber to undertake, and carry to a successful conclusion; that is the placing of Newport News in the class in railway and other transportation rates with Virginia cities in interstate traffic. As I am informed, West Point even, enjoys a far lower interstate rate than this city. As a result of this our grocers have to go to Norfolk on Friday and buy their vegetables and fruits raised in the great trucking and fruit belt of the Carolinas, in the open market at fifty per cent greater price than Norfolk or Baltimore merchants do, simply because the rates to the growers to this city are prohibitive. Also the wholesale merchants in buying goods from the factories in the South are so discriminated against that although they pay the same rate for their stock, and get the same discounts as do the Norfolk wholesale merchants, the latter merchants can sell their stock, delivered in Newport News, meet, and in many instances undersell our home wholesale merchants. The only fair treatment we get, as I am informed, is from the territory traversed by the Chesapeake & Ohio. An also I am further informed that the Chesapeake & Ohio will aid this chamber in righting this wrong. For this purpose I have appointed a good strong committee, men who are vitally interested, to push this matter. The United States interstate commerce commission will no doubt give us the relief. There is no reason why they should not do so. There is no need for longer delay. The remedy has been before us for years, and we lay it simply on our backs and let Norfolk and Baltimore such the life blood out of our community. This is a burning shame. Having made some inquiries concerning the best mode of procedure, I have the information that the members of the interstate commerce commission, being all lawyers, naturally pay more attention to a regular attorney who may represent a committee from a commercial body. I know of one instance of the valuable aid such an attorney gave to a certain Chamber of Commerce. I do strongly urge that this body authorize the appointment of an attorney to aid this committee. I have in mind an at-

torney who will give his time and talent for a mere trifle, and will make no expenditure of any kind without due authority from this body. Suppose it were to cost a trifling amount, would it not be money put to the best possible use?

"Another matter of interest which should have our attention—that is a union or closer working harmony with the Merchants' Association of our city, many members of both bodies desire such a harmony which would no doubt would be productive of much good. I desire that steps be taken toward bringing this about.

"I believe that we should pay more attention to small things, seeming trifles that we are prone to overlook, there should be no stone turned, however small, which would in any way make the conditions in our city and community better.

"There are many things I have on my heart to say, but I will not take up your valuable time this evening. In conclusion let me again thank you for this most high honor you have conferred on me; words fail me in appropriate expression."

The New Committees.

Dr. Jones announced his committee appointments as follows:

Standing committees of the Newport News Chamber of Commerce:

Agriculture—Elias Peyser, chairman, R. M. Lett, W. E. Barrett, M. W. Gayle, M. H. Lash.

Commerce and immigration—J. D. J. Luenig, chairman, D. S. Jones, W. E. Cottrell, L. B. Manville, H. C. Blackiston.

Advertising—W. Lee Powell, chairman, J. L. Patton, Edwin Walter, A. S. Flowers, W. W. S. Butler.

Banks and currency—W. B. Vest, chairman, G. A. Schmeiz, W. C. Stuart, J. A. Willett, Sol Peyser.

Commerce and commercial usages—W. S. Upshur, chairman, S. R. Buxton, Major James Haughton, Arthur Lee, A. Rosenbaum.

Conventions and expositions—J. H. Sprague, chairman, O. D. Batchelor, W. H. Salley, Abe Horwitz, George Oldewortel.

Entertainment—Louis C. Phillips, chairman, W. Lee Powell, Elias Peyser, W. E. Cottrell, S. R. Buxton.

Express, postal and telegraph service—C. C. Berkeley, chairman, R. T. Styll, J. E. Wilkins, W. E. Crane, W. T. Cahoon.

Health and sanitation—R. T. Styll, chairman, S. J. Gammel, B. R. Gary, J. H. Graves, J. H. Burgher.

Insurance—R. W. Reynolds, chairman, J. E. Warren, C. D. West, Fred Manville, A. J. Stewart.

Information and statistics—W. C. Horton, chairman, A. S. Flowers, U. S. Duncan, W. Spencer Henley, E. J. Graf.

Legislation and taxation—W. C. Stuart, chairman, R. T. Styll, N. C. Armstrong, T. W. Judkins, Elias Peyser.

Manufactures—C. K. Weaver, chairman, Louis Wagner, E. R. Vaughan, J. W. Davis, John D. Cassada.

New enterprises—W. B. Livezey, chairman, L. C. Phillips, H. B. Holmes, W. S. Upshur, A. L. Powell.

New members—A. S. Flowers, chairman, W. S. Upshur, J. H. Caffee, H. B. Holmes, F. D. Cook, W. B. Livezey, Richard Armstrong, U. S. Duncan, A. L. Powell, L. C. Phillips.

Relief—W. F. Cressy, chairman, J. E. B. Stuart, W. G. Pritchard, J. A. Somerville, L. P. Starnes.

Streets, roads and parks—C. B. Nelms, chairman, B. J. Pressy, J. R. Sprague, J. K. Cross, Charles E. Cole.

Transportation and traffic—J. E. Wilkins, chairman, A. Rosenbaum, M. H. Lash, George R. Dabney, John D. Cassada.

Ways and means—J. H. Caffee, chairman, T. J. Birham, Fred Manville, E. M. Bennington, Louis A. Doney.

Regular Business Disposed Of.

In addition to the election of officers and the discussion of the pilotage question, the chamber disposed of regular business.

FOUR BIRTHS TO ONE DEATH HERE LAST MONTH

Report of Health Officers for January Gives Some Interesting Information.

The health report for January, which was issued yesterday by Dr. John R. Bagby, the health officer, shows a total of 97 births in this city during the month. Of this number there were 35 white males, 33 white females, 11 colored males, 14 colored females, and two white and two colored the sex of which is not stated.

During the month 24 deaths were reported as follows: White male, 7; white female, 4; colored male, 5; colored female, 5; two white and one colored no sex stated. The total deaths here in January, 1907, was 25. The causes of the deaths follow: Heart disease, 4; infantile, 2; pneumonia, 2; tuberculosis, 2; pneumonia, 2; diabetes mellitus, 1; broncho pneumonia, 2; uraemia, 1; killed by electricity, 1; apoplexy, 1; spasmodic cramp, 1; gastro enteritis, 1; shock following amputation of thigh for injury, 1; and stillborn, 3.

The contagious diseases reported during the month were as follows: pneumonia, 3; typhoid fever, 3; whooping cough, 1; diphtheria, 2; scarlet fever, 1; and small pox, 1.

Pitch Pine Cranberry Barrels.

Pitch pine, which has been considered almost worthless, is now in demand for cranberry barrels.

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REPUBLICAN DISTRICT CONVENTION IS CALLED

Candidate For Congress and Delegates to State and National Gatherings to be Named.

AT CAPE CHARLES ON MARCH 12

District Committee Holds Meeting Here With All the Counties and Cities Represented—Mass Meeting of Local Republicans to be Held One Day Next Week.

The Republican committee of the First Congressional district met at the Newport hotel last night and decided to hold a district convention at Cape Charles on March 12. The object of this convention will be to nominate a candidate for Congress, and to elect delegates to the state and national conventions.

Chairman C. A. McKenny, of Cape Charles, presided at the meeting of the committee, and in attendance were members, or representatives of members, from all of the 17 counties and two cities in the district.

The district convention will name one member of the state executive committee; 5 members of the state committee; two delegates and two alternates to the national convention at Chicago; 69 delegates to the state convention, which is to be held at Lynchburg, and one presidential elector.

The Republican executive committee of this city will call a mass meeting one day next week for the purpose of electing delegates to the convention. The city is entitled to then delegates to the convention.

SHIPPING REPORT.

Friday, February 14, 1908.

Arrived.

Steamer Indore (Br.) Pearce, Galveston—To Warren & Monks Coal Company for bunker coal.

Steamer Ravenscraig, Johnson, Providence—To Warren & Monks Coal Company in ballast.

Schooner Prescott Palmer, Carlisle, Searaport—To White Oak Coal Company in ballast.

Cleared.

Steamer Sif (Nor.) Harmansen, Cristobal—Berwind-White Coal Company.

Steamer Indore (Br.) Pearce, Liverpool—Warren & Monks Coal Company.

Barge Enos Soule for Providence—Chesapeake & Ohio Coal and Coke Company.

Barge New Jersey for Providence—Chesapeake & Ohio Coal and Coke Company.

Barge New Jersey for Providence—Chesapeake & Ohio Coal and Coke Company.

Barge Frank Pendleton for Providence—Smokeless Fuel Company.

Sailed.

Steamer Sif (Nor.) Harmansen, Cristobal, Panama.

Celebrated for Today.

Sun rises 6:53 a. m.
Sun sets 5:45 p. m.
High water .. 8:57 a. m., 3:32 p. m.
Low water .. 2:47 a. m., 3:20 p. m.

High School Student.

The February number of the High School Student, the popular magazine published by the Newport News High School Literary Society, was issued yesterday. The magazine contains many interesting school notes, well written stories, several essays and one or two poems. There are two excellent cuts showing the class

of February, 1908, and the class of June, 1908.

Death of Mrs. Richardson.

News reached this city yesterday of the death at her home in New Kent county of Miss Edna Richardson, the 18 years old daughter of Rev. John A. Richardson of New Kent, and sister of Mr. John Richardson of this city. Mr. Richardson and his nephew, Mr. Frank Richardson of this city, left yesterday for New Kent to attend the funeral, which will take place this morning.

Coal for Panama.

The Norwegian steamship Sif sailed yesterday for Cristobal, Panama, with a cargo of 4,684 tons of coal.

MORE ROOM NEEDED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Enrollment at Close of First Half Session Was 2,419 and Rooms Are Crowded.

A total of 2,419 pupils are now on roll in the city public schools. This is 168 in excess of the total enrollment in the schools at the close of the first half of the school session on January 31. There was an increase of ten in the enrollment of the High school and of 57 in the North End school. One new room was opened in the latter school at the beginning of the second half of the term.

The present enrollment is the largest in the history of the schools, and in order to accommodate all of the pupils a series of transfers had to be made from the East End buildings to the Central and North End buildings. Now, however, many of the school rooms are overcrowded, and the indications are that additional school buildings will have to be rented at the beginning of the next session.

Teachers' Association.

The Newport News Teachers' Association held its regular monthly meeting yesterday, the newly elected officers being installed for the ensuing term. Interesting papers were read and discussed by several of the teachers.

MR. SINCLAIR STUART DEAD.

Well Known Marine Engineer Victim of Bloodpoisoning.

Information was received here yesterday of the death at his home in Plainfield, N. J., Tuesday, of Mr. Sinclair Stuart, a well known marine engineer and representative of the United States "Lloyds." During the past 15 or 20 years he made many visits to Newport News and was well and favorably known here.

The cause of the death is given as diabetic gangrene, which resulted from the paring of a corn on his right foot about six weeks ago. The treatment was given by a specialist of New York city, where Mr. Stuart had his office.

Mr. Stuart, who was of Scotch parentage, was 72 years old, and had been prominently identified with shipping interests along the Atlantic coast for the past 40 years. He was surveyor for the United States Standard Steamship Owners, Builders and Underwriters' Association, a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, the New York Mari-

time Exchange and the Engineers' Club, of New York. He is survived by a wife, one daughter, four sons, and a sister.

A Valentine Party.

An enjoyable Valentine party was given last night at the home of Miss Gladys Freeth, 2720 Jefferson avenue, by the Literary and Amusement Club, of this city. A feature of the evening's entertainment was the guessing contest of the name of the newly organized club. Mr. W. H. Nock won the contest and was awarded a handsome pillow. Refreshments were served. Among those attending were Misses Lydia Cooke, Annie and Helen Rounds, Blanche Bowman, Mary and Rhoda Stein, Helen Wilkins, Gladys Freeth and Florence Edwards, of Norfolk; Messrs. W. H. Nock, R. Cunningham, T. Rounds,

time Exchange and the Engineers' Club, of New York. He is survived by a wife, one daughter, four sons, and a sister.

It. H. Beazle, T. Trego, J. L. Wood, George Freeth, Henry A. Shannon, Jr. of Portsmouth, and W. L. Wagener.

Bazaar Next Week.

The ladies of St. Agatha's Guild and St. Paul's Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church, will give a bazaar in the vacant store room at 3304 Washington avenue, on Tuesday night, Wednesday night, Thursday night, and Friday night of next week. Many attractive booths are being arranged and the bazaar promises to be a very successful one.

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